इस्पात और लोहे का उत्पादन

892. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ महीनों के दौरान इस्पात उद्योग पर से नियंत्रण हटाने की घोषणा के परिणामस्वरूप इस्पात उत्पादन क्षमता में वृद्धि की संभावनाएं बढ़ी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अक्तूबर, 1992 तक कितनी उत्पादन क्षमता स्थापित की गई है;

(ग) क्या सरकार देश से इस्पात के निर्यात संवर्धन हेतु इस्पात उत्पादन लागत को घटाने के लिए कुछ करों तथा उप करों को समाप्त करने अथवा कम करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इस्पात की उत्पादन लागत पर हाल ही में सरकार ने कितने प्रतिशत कर और उपकर लगाए हैं ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) लोहे और इस्पात उद्योग को लाइसेंस मुक्त किए जाने और मूल्य तथा वितरण नियन्त्रण समाप्त करने से इस्पात उत्पादन की क्षमता में वृद्धि होने की संभावना है ।

(ख) अतिरिक्त उत्पादन क्षमता की स्थापना उदारीकृत नीति उपायों के प्रभावों का अभी पता लगाना असामयिक होगा ।

(ग) और (घ) जनवरी, 1992 में इस्पात उद्योग के लिए कुछ महत्वपूर्ण आदानों जैसे इस्पात प्रगलन स्क्रैप, बिलेट्स और तप्त बेलित कायलों के आयात शुल्क में कमी की गई थी । अभी हाल में, सरकार द्वारा इस्पात पर शुल्क और उपस्करों में कोई वृद्धि नहीं की गई थी ।

Foreign tour by the Officers of SAIL and their subsidiaries

893. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) how many officers of SAIL and their subsidiaries were sent on foreign tour in the name of training during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 so far.

(b) what was the total cost of these foreign tours; and

(c) the names of the travelling agents through whom they were sent abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) 270 and 204 officers from SAIL (including subsidiaries) were sent on foreign training during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 (upto September 1992) respectively.

(b) The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Names of the Travel Agents through whom the air tickets, etc. have been arranged are as under :

(i) M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Company, Calcutta & New Delhi.

(ii) M/s. Maiden Travels, Durgapur.

(iii) M/s. Arya Travels, Ranchi.

(iv) M/s. Travelogue, Calcutta.

(v) M/s. Time Travels, Calcutta.

Setting up of pig Iron factories

894. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals for setting up pig iron factories in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat are under the consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the additional capacity sought to be installed thereby, indicating the feasibility or otherwise thereof by way of availability of raw material etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) Pig Iron industry is delicensed and it is now upto in-

dividual entrepreneurs to take a decision on making investment. A statement showing the names of the parties, location and capacity who have shown interest in setting up pig iron units in the State of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Statement

Details of Various Pig Iron Units

List of parties who have shown interest in setting up pig iron units in the State of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat

Sl. No.	Name of the party	Location	Capacity (TPA)
		MADHYA PRADESH	
1.	M/s. Neco Industries Ltd.	Dilmili, Distt. Bastar√	86,000
2.	M/s. Nova Bharat Ferro Alloys Limited.	Dantewada, Distt Bastar.	1,20,000
3.	M/s. Bhilai Engg. Corpn. Limited	Borai Growth Centre, Distt. Durg	1,50,000
		MAHARASHTRA	
1	M/s Usha Ispat Limited	Reddi, Distt. Sindhudurg.	1,50,000
		GUJARAT	
1.	M/s. Maganlal Harilal Doshi	Jam Khambhalia Distt Jamnagar	2,00,000
2.	M/s. GIIC Ltd *	Dahej Distt. Bharuch	2,60,000
3	M/s. Unity Steels Ltd.*	Sihor Distt Bhavnagar	1,20,000
4	M/s. Arvind Steels Ltd.	Hazira Distt. Surat.	5,00,000
5.	Ms. Dhatu Sanskar Ltd.	Halol Distt. Panohmahals	1,20,000
6.	M/s. Arvind Ispat Ltd.	Vagra, Distt. Bharuch	5,00,000
7.	M/s. GIIC Ltd.*	Dahej, Distt. Bharuch	5,00,000
8.	M/s. Unity Steels Ltd.*	Sihor, Distt. Bhavnagar	5,00,000
9.	M/s. Valjibhai N. Patel	Ankleshwar, Distt, Bharuch.	2,00,000

√—Alternate site is being identified.
*—Two separate registrations are held by these parties.

Privatisation of Indian Iron and Steel Co.

895. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for privatisation of the Indian Iron and Steel Company;

(b) whether different alternative offers are also under consideration; and

(c) if so, the decision, if any, has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) Government are committed to the modernisation of IISCO. Due to fund constraints, private sector participation in the modernisation of IISCO is being explored. In this regard, the Government had constituted a Committee of Experts (COE) to explore